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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

V.

MAURICE TYRONE HEDRINGTON,

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(Fresno Super. Ct. No. F13901285)

OPINION

Defendant and Appellant.

THE COURT*

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Fresno County. Don Penner, Judge.

Deborah Prucha, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

Office of the Attorney General, Sacramento, California, for Plaintiff and Respondent.

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^{*} Before Levy, Acting P.J., Poochigian, J., and Peña J.

INTRODUCTION

Appellant/defendant Maurice Tyrone Hedrington pleaded no contest to second degree robbery (Pen. Code, §211) and was sentenced to two years pursuant to a negotiated disposition. On appeal, his appellate counsel has filed a brief which summarizes the facts with citations to the record, raises no issues, and asks this court to independently review the record. (*People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436 (*Wende*).) We affirm.

FACTS

On February 5, 2013, a 17-year-old girl was sitting on a bench, waiting for a bus so she could go to school. She removed a single dollar bill from her wallet for the bus fare and placed it next to her on the bench. The bus arrived and defendant got out.

Defendant walked up to the girl and took the dollar bill. The girl yelled at defendant to give it back and reached toward him. Defendant, who was much larger than her, grabbed her wallet, and a struggle ensued. Defendant gained control of both her wallet and her cell phone, dropped the dollar bill, and ran away. A witness grabbed defendant, wrestled him to the ground, and held him until the police arrived. During the struggle, the girl fell and hit her forehead on the ground. She suffered an abrasion on her finger and some redness and swelling on her left eyebrow. When he was booked into custody, defendant said the victim was "stupid" for counting her money, and he tried to take it like "anybody else would."

Procedural History

On February 7, 2013, a felony complaint was filed in the Superior Court of Fresno County charging defendant with second degree robbery. On February 25, 2013, the court suspended criminal proceedings and referred defendant for an evaluation of mental competency pursuant to Penal Code section 1368.

On April 30, 2013, the parties submitted the question of defendant's competency on the evaluations. The court found defendant was competent and reinstated criminal proceedings.

On May 7, 2013, defendant pleaded no contest to second degree robbery, with a maximum sentence of five years, pursuant to a negotiated disposition that he would be sentenced to no more than two years in prison, and the court would dismiss six pending misdemeanor cases and reserve the issue of restitution.

On June 7, 2013, the court denied probation and sentenced defendant to the lower term of two years in prison.

DISCUSSION

As noted above, defendant's counsel has filed a *Wende* brief with this court. The brief also includes the declaration of appellate counsel indicating that defendant was advised he could file his own brief with this court. By letter on November 4, 2013, we invited defendant to submit additional briefing. To date, he has not done so.

After independent review of the record, we find that no reasonably arguable factual or legal issues exist.

DISPOSITION

The judgment is affirmed.